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Request:

London Fire Brigade Data.

We are looking for clarity on the available dataset of London Fires ("LFB Incident data with notional cost and UPRN from January 2009" zip folder available at London Fire Brigade Incident Records - London Datastore) on the London Datastore and were wondering if you could answer our questions. We would like to know whether the readily available dataset includes fires that are both accidental and deliberate as there is no clear indicator between the two. If this is the case and there are both accidental and deliberate fires within the dataset, would you be able to provide us with a version of this dataset for commercial properties with an indicator as to whether the fire was deliberately caused or not. We would be looking for this version to include all the variables within the current dataset with the additional cause indicator included.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Response:

Further to your request, please see the attached link below, which provides the information for the London Datastore:

https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/lfb-fires-in-london-1966-2019---fire-facts

If you view the first dataset for example, *"Fire Facts – Fires in Greater London 2021"*, and click on tab 2.1, this will detail primary and secondary fires. Primary fires include non-residential therefore, including commercial properties.

Tab 2.2 provides data as to whether these are accidental or deliberate. Older data would have details of accidental/deliberate fires in a column. The data can be downloaded and viewed on an Excel spreadsheet.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/